

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

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BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TWO APPLICATIONS TO THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION'S LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE TO FUND STUDIES FOR THE BUCKHEAD AREA AND THE DOWNTOWN/OLD FOURTH WARD AREA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS the Atlanta Regional Commission is accepting applications for funds to conduct planning studies through its Livable Centers Initiative program; and

WHEREAS the ARC Board adopted policies in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to include investment policy studies for activity and town centers; and

WHEREAS the primary focus of these studies is to encourage development, mixed-uses and connectivity at the activity and town center level as one alternative to standard suburban or strip development; and

WHEREAS the ARC Board has approved an allocation of funds over the next 5 years to fund the Livable Centers Initiative program; and

WHEREAS the ARC Board has approved an allocation of implementation funds over the next 5 years for priority funding projects resulting from Livable Centers Initiative studies; and

WHEREAS those organizations applying shall be responsible for providing the required 20% local match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council endorses two applications for funding to the Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative, one for the Buckhead Area and one for the Downtown/Old Fourth Ward Area; and to conduct in each transportation and land-use planning studies aimed at improving their connectivity and liveability.

SECTION 2: All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

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LCI Applications

1. DOWNTOWN / OLD FOURTH WARD AREA

- This application combines a series of activity areas including:
 - Old Fourth Ward / Butler Auburn / HDDC
 - Grady Homes / AHA
 - GA State Student Housing Project / GA State University
 - Fairlie Poplar / Central Atlanta Progress
- The collaboration of these agencies is an exciting opportunity to knit together a series of activities as a single continuum.
- The proposal will create pedestrian friendly streetscapes and identify transportation and transit implementation projects from Old Fourth Ward through downtown to Fairlie Poplar through a coordinated concept plan.

2. BUCKHEAD AREA

- The geographic scope of the project includes, and is not limited to, the Buckhead loop area, the Village, Tower Place, Lenox and Phipps, and the Peachtree and Piedmont corridors. The precise boundaries are yet to be defined.
- The goal of the project is to create a common vision for the Buckhead area. Many studies have been completed in the past, however, they did not include all affected stakeholders. The intent is to address all stakeholders concerns and create a unified plan.
- The study will be conducted through the Buckhead Area Transportation Management Association and will involve the Buckhead Business Association, Buckhead Community Improvement District, Buckhead Action Committee, Buckhead Coalition, neighborhood organizations and other appropriate stakeholders.
- The unified plan will create a framework to implement pedestrian friendly streetscapes and identify transportation and transit implementation projects through a coordinated concept plan.